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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN REQUEST FOR DEBT RENEGOTIATION

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1. THE FRG REQUESTS THAT THE US SUPPORT DEBT RESCHEDULING FOR PAKISTAN IN LIGHT OF SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS CREATED BY THE COUP IN AFGHANISTAN.

2. THE FOREIGN OFFICE DESK OFFICER

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FOR PAKISTAN (SCHULMANN) ASKED EMBOFF TO COME IN TO DISCUSS THE JUNE L-2 MEETING OF PAKISTAN CONSORTIUM. SCHULMANN SAID FRG INTER-MINISTERIAL DELIBERATIONS HAD RESULTED IN A DECISION TO SEEK CREDIT OR COUNTRY SUPPORT TO MEET PAKISTANI REQUESTS ON RESCHEDULING. SCHULMANN EMPHASIZED THAT THE DECISION WAS BASED SOLELY ON SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS. HE SAID THE FOREIGN OFFICE WAS CON-

CERNED THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN AFGHANISTAN WAS COMMUNIST DOMINATED AND MIGHT SEEK TO FORMENT DIFFICULTIES IN BALUCHISTAN IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST THE USSR IN OBTAINING AN OUTLET TO THE ARABIAN SEA. THESE REGIONAL SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS OUTWEIGHTED ANY ANTIPATHY WE OR THE GERMANS MIGHT HAVE TOWARD THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN PAKISTAN. IN SUM, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO MAKE A DECISION IN FAVOR OF RESCHEDULING ON POLITICAL/SECURITY GROUNDS.

3. SCHULMANN SAID THE FRG WAS PREPARED TO AGREE TO RESCHEDULING AND UNDERSTOOD THAT IRAN WAS SIMILARLY INCLINED. IT WAS, HOWEVER, OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE THAT THE USG ALSO AGREE. THE DETAILS AND CONDITIONS OF RESCHEDULING COULD BE WORKED OUT BY THE CONSORTIUM. WHAT WAS REQUIRED NOW WAS A POLITICAL DECISION.

4. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION, SCHULMANN SAID THE FRG WAS NOT PREPARED TO GO IT ALONE ON RESCHEDULING, THOUGH IT WOULD AGREE TO RESCHEDULE IF IT WERE "PART OF A SMALL GROUP-" (NOT FURTHER DEFINED.) EMBOFF AGREED TO REPORT FOREIGN OFFICE POSITION AND REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS. PLEASE ADVISE.
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